



PATENT  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Douglas James LITTLE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3693  
Application No.: 09/991,914 ) Examiner: Hai Tran  
Filed: November 26, 2001 )  
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ) Confirmation No.: 7544  
DEVELOPING INVESTMENTS )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2007, the period for response having been extended to January 22, 2008 (January 20, 2008 being a Sunday, and January 21, 2008 being a Federal holiday) by a request for extension of two (2) months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are included in the attached replacement drawing sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.

**Attachments** to this paper include: (1) one replacement sheet of drawings containing Figure 1; and a clean copy of the amended Abstract.